

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Philip E. Penn for his wisdom and leadership as President and CEO of the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce.

ZAKAS, YODER, MISHLER

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, Philip E. Penn began his work at the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce by volunteering in various capacities and serving on numerous committees from 1967 to 1999. Mr. Penn was serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors and in the process of retiring from a 33-year career with Rieth-Riley Construction Co. when the Board of Directors hired him as the President and CEO of the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce in January 2000;

Whereas, The Chamber and community have attained numerous successes and progress attributed to Phil's excellent leadership skills, high integrity, vast business knowledge, and his involvement and ability to build solid partnerships with other county-wide entities;

Whereas, Mr. Penn recently received the Lewis S. Armstrong Award from Indiana University, South Bend. The award recognizes distinguished achievement, leadership, and contributions to the advancement of business and the quality of life in Elkhart County;

Whereas, Mr. Penn has not only served as a volunteer with the chamber for more than two decades, he has also



been an active leader in the Elkhart County Coalition of Chambers, Elkhart Downtown, Inc., Elkhart Centre Board, Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County, Horizon Project, 2010 Coalition, Elkhart Chamber Foundation Board, Elkhart County Community Foundation, Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau, ELCO Theatre Board, Michiana Area Council of Governments, U.S. and Indiana Chambers, Indiana Commerce Executive Association Board (ICEA), U.S. 31 Coalition Board, and County-Cities Advisory Council;

Whereas, Mr. Penn was named the 2009 Chamber Executive of the Year by peer members of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Executives Association. He was recognized for his efforts to build cooperative relationships with other chambers and organizations, including city and county governments; and

Whereas, Mr. Penn has been a pioneer in guiding efforts to improve economic development, education, the environment, and transportation. His dedication and leadership is an inspiration to his colleagues who say, "The optimism he radiates is easy to see": Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Philip E.
- 2 Penn for his wisdom and leadership as President and CEO of the
- 3 Elkhart Chamber of Commerce.
- 4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Philip E. Penn.

